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U. S. GUNS ASSIST FRENCH ATTACKS **NEAR MONTDIDIER**

Jump Into Fray When Opportunity Offers.

TAKE BELLEAU WOOD WITH 300 PRISONERS

LONDON, June 12.-"The Germans are taking seriously the American thrust at the apex of their line in the Clignon valley (northwest of Chateau Thierry) and thus far have used five divisions in attempting to counter it, but entirely without success," Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters telegraphs under 'Tuesday's date. "Two fresh divisions were thrown at the American center at Bouresches this morning in a fruitless attempt to recapture the village."

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Tuesday, June 11.-American artillery aided the French in the counter attack against the Germans southwest and south of Montdidier today by directing a harassing fire against the enemy. Otherwise the American troops have not been engaged in the present battle.

The Americans in the sector west of Montdidier, however, are ready to assist in the fighting at the first opportunity.

German Raids Repulsed.

The Germans made two minor raids against the American lines at Cantigny Monday night, and were repulsed each time. One raiding party, which numbered forty, was routed by the resolver fire of the Americans. On the right of the American sector German aviators have been busy. One

Quiet on Toul Front.

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The statement follows:

"Northwest of Chattau Thierry we were again successful in advancing our positions in the Belleau wood. We captured 250 prisoners, of whom three were officers, and considerable material, including a number of machine guns and trench mortars.

"In the Woevre our batteries executed effective neutralization and

FRESH PEACE OFFER NOT PLAN OF GERMANY

many does not intend to make any fresh peace offer, according to Berlin close. newspapers, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam.

"THE VICTORY IS WON." SAYS KAISER, AT FRONT

AMSTERDAM, June 12.-In a long letter to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger from the battlefield on the Aisne, dated May 27, Karl Rosner, Emperor William's favorite correspondent, describes the emperor as appearing in radiant health, bronzed and brighteyed, receiving a report from Gen. von Boehm regarding the storming of French positions on the Aisne. Afterward, says the correspondent. the emperor, ascended to the old camp Des Romains, from which he viewed the panorama of the battlefield while seated at a rough deal table, upon which were maps and a telephone. Here he received news of the passage of a German battalion across the Aisne river, upon which the correspondent quotes him as remarking:

"The victory is won—one of the great victories upon which the great victories upon which

SENATE DEFEATS BORAH PLAN FOR OPEN DIPLOMACY

American Infantry Ready to Amendment to Proposed Cloture Rule Provided Open Debate of Treaties.

> VIEWS OF PRESIDENT, IN OPPOSITION, READ

Long Discussion of Question Is Succeeded by Vote, Which Stood 50 to 23.

Open diplomacy as provided in the Borah amendment to the proposed Underwood war-time cloture rule was defeated in the Senate today, following the reading of a letter from President Wilson, in which he opposed the Borah amendment. The vote was 50 to 23. Most of those favoring the amendment were republicans. The democrats voted solidly against the pro-

The Borah amendment provides for the consideration in the open Senate of treaties between the United States and foreign nations, unless by a twothirds vote the Senate determines to onsider a treaty behind closed doors.

President's Views Quoted.

The President's views on "open he wrote to Secretary Lansing of the State Department on March 12, after Senator Borah had introduced his

In his letter the Président, explaining his statements in his address of January 8, advocating "open covenants of peace openly arrived at,"

Asks for Careful Memorandum.

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"I wish you would be kind enough," the President wrote Secretary Lansing, "to formulate a careful and consider the committee of the Senate with regard to the inclosed resolutions. I do, that this is no time to act as the gard to the inclosed resolutions. I do, that this is no time to act as the resolution prescribes; and certainly when I pronounced for open diplomacy I mean that there should be no macy I mean that there should be no private discussions of delicate matters, but that no secret agreements should be entered into and that all international relations, when fixed, should be open, aboveboard and explicit."

Letter Read by Senator Hitchcock.

The letter was forwarded to Chairman Hitchcock of the Senate foreign relations committee. Senator Hitchcock presented the President's letter immediately after the Senate reconsidered the committee also has under consideration forty-five public buildings, the immediate construction of which has been urged by Secretary McAdoo. J. A. Wetmore, acting supervising are constructed for the Treasury Department of the hygienic laboratory.

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cock presented the President's letter immediately after the Senate reconverted to consider the Borah amendation and the average of last week. Few airplanes were up, although the visibility was good.

For gallantry in various actions on the Toul front ninety-two American soldiers were decorated with the French war cross today. Copies of the citations and medals were presented by a French general, while each soldier was congratulated by the American general commanding the sector.

U. S. Gain at Belleau Wood.

PARIS, June 11.—The official statement says: "South of the Ourcq river the American troops this morning brilliantly captured Belleau wood and took 300 prisoners.

Gen. Pershing's Report.

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Urges Retention of Present Rule.

Senator Pomerene of Ohio, opposition of \$10,000 for land and \$100,000 for land land sectors.

We have open diplomacy now," demanded its land land sectors l

Referring to the President's declara-Referring to the President's declaration for "open covenants of peace openly arrived at" Senator Borah proceeded to read a further statement from the address of January 8, in which the President stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always frankly and in the public view."

These two statements, Senator Borah asserted, convinced him that the President meant to declare for public negotiations.

"The President is not inapt in the use of language," said Mr. Borah. "The language is not subject to misconstruction. The language clearly and unmistakably gives its import."

VENICE, Tuesday, June Austrian dreadnaught was of the president was the president of the president of the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomacy shall proceed always translated the president stated that "diplomac

Underwood Vote Near.

Now that the Borah amendment has been disposed of, it is likely that the boats upon an Austrian naval division Senate will come to a vote on the Underwood amendment itself, and that the amendment will be adopted. As it stands the amendment to the rules would alter the rul the amendment to the rules would allow each one hour and a half in which LONDON, June 12.—In her forth- to address the Senate on any measure coming statement of war aims Ger- and twenty minutes on any amendment therto. It is expected the vote will be

ts of the Borah plan renewed Oppo their attack yesterday afternoof. Sen-ator Hitchcock of Nebraska, chairman of the foreign relations committee; Senators Reed of Missouri, McLean of Connecti-cut, Brandegee of Connecticut, Smith of Arizona and others criticised the amend-

ment.
Senator Borah vigorously contended
that his proposal is in accordance with
President Wilson's statement in his address of January 8 for "Open covenants dress of January 8 for "Open covenants of peace openly arrived at."
Challenging the Idaho senator's construction, Senator Hitchcock declared it "preposterous" and said the President's words were aimed at the general European practice of making secret treaties without informing the people. This construction also was maintained by Senator Smith of Arizona of the foreign relations committee, while Senator Hitchcock added that it is not to be presumed that peace treaties will be made in a "public hall."



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FAVORABLE REPORT ON HEALTH BUILDING BIL

\$250,000 Planned for Structures for Laboratory and Research Work.

A new building for the public said he had particular reference to the prevalent practice in Europe of keeping secret those treaties that have been ratified.

Treaties, the President indicated in his letter, should be made public after their negotiation. The processes of negotiations, however, he suggested, can be better satisfied without undue publicity, which might embarrass their course.

A new building for the public health service in the District is provided for in a bill carrying an appropriation of \$250,000 on which the House committee on public buildings and grounds ordered a favorable report today. Representative Burnett of Alabama is author of this measure, which directs the Secretary of the Treasury to contract for an additional building for laboratory purposes and

attention to the congested conditions at this building, stating that only thirty-five square feet of space was available for each person.

FOE DREADNAUGHT

VENICE, Tuesday, June 11.-One Austrian dreadnaught was destroyed and a second one damaged in the torpedo attack made by Italian torpedo

ROME, June 11.—An official statement issued by the Italian admiralty today follows:

"At dawn on Monday near the Dalmatian Islands two small Italian torpedo boats under command of Commander Rizzo Luigi de Milazzo attacked an Austrian naval division, consisting of two large battleships off the Viribus Unitis class, escorted by ten destroyers. Our units having boldly broken through the line of destroyers hit the leading battleship with two torpedoes and the other with one and returned to their base unscathed. One of the destroyers which pursued them was damaged seriously."

Battleships of the Viribus Unitis type are four in number and are the largest in the Austrian navy. They displace 20,000 tons and carry 1,000

WANTS TO POSTPONE

TAKING SHORT LINES

The use of water for sprinkling-purposes.

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Chinese No. 1 in Draft.

Jew Hon Bong, a twenty-oneyear-old Chinaman, residing at 323 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, has the distinction of being registrant No. 1 on the roll of board No. 1 in the draft of

In the registration of 1917 there was no provision for list-ing either orientals or Indians. Both classes were provided for this time. Jew was listed as an "oriental."

The saving that will be effected will run into millions of gallons daily. White House fountains, if operated continuously for 24 hours, will consume more than a million gallons of water daily, though it has been the practice to shut them off at 8 o'clock each evening.

Water department officials are make water department of the ing an estimate this afternoon of the exact saving that will be effected by the orders of the President and Col. White House Fountains Largest.

The largest of the fountains are in the White House grounds. There are smaller ones in the Capitol grounds. the Botanic Garden and on the Union station plaza, including the Columbus fountain; one in Truxtun Park, at the intersection of North Capitol street

and Florida avenue; one at the intersection of Pennsylvania avenue and M street, in Georgetown, and others connected with vrious monuments.

Col. Ridley said his action was taken in the general interest of the public, after consultation with the Army engineers in charge of the

Army engineers in charge of the water supply system and in anticipation of a request to that effect from the District Commissioners, who have charge of the distribution of the water to the people.

It is believed the action came none too soon, as three times within the last week consumption of water in the District has gone above the 65,000,000-gallon estimate said to be the safe dependable daily capacity of the conduit.

June 6 the consumption was 71,000

PRAEGER LYNCHING STIRS GERMAN IRE

Amsterdam Hears Kaiser Protests and Asks for Safeguards for Germans Here.

AMSTERDAM, June 12.-Germany has lodged a complaint in Washingon and asked for safeguards against ton and asked for safeguards against such excesses as led to the lynching of Robert P. Praeger at Collinsville, hold that opinion because they credit the enemy with intelligence enough to know that the capture of Paris, however desirable for its effect on the privy Councilor Simons in replying

President Sets Example in Economy in the Use of District's Water.

District's Water.

The United States admits the facts, but have seen that the desire the first of the States which is alleged and seen that the desire with the German shuthing off the White House fountains, thereby setting an example in economy for Washingtonians which, if followed generally, is expected to prevent a water famine in the capital this summer.

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The President's action was followed short American people. We cannot rest satisfied with the statement that the laws of Illinois are inadequate to handle such a situation. The American government must find ways to protect the rights and liberties of Germans in America. The German government has repeatedly made known through the Swiss minister that progress in this matter should be accelerated whatever the conditions in the United States may be. The United States government must under all circumstances see that such things do not occur again."

I Herr Mueller said that a British paper had published a list of similar cases and the privy councilor replied, "We are going into these cases, but we can deal only with those of German subjects."

No Complaint Has Come.

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No complaint from Germany against the lynching of Praeger has reached the State Department, and at the Swiss legation, which has charge of German affairs in this country, it was said nothing had been received on the case. Some time ago the Swiss minister offered to pay Praeger's funeral expenses, but the State Department testablished he was acting for relatives and not for the German government.

The federal government has no

ment.

The federal government has no authority to proceed against the lynchers, but the Attorney General interested himself in the case. At the time officials pointed to the case as an example of what might be ex-pected if laws were not passed to curb pro-German talk, and the affair

STAND AS TO RUSSIA

LONDON, June 12.—As an outcome of recent conferences Japan is preparing a declaration defining her attitude toward Russia, according to a 000 gallons June 9, and 62,500,000 gallons June 10, but a jump to 71,000,000 gallons June 11.

LONDON, June 12.—As an outcome of recent conferences Japan is preparing a declaration defining her attitude toward Russia, according to a Tientsin dispatch to the Exchange gallons June 11. LONDON, June 12 .- As an outcome

A majority of the Japanese nation

Must Take Other Steps.

While the saving of water wasted in fountains will help materially to relieve a situation that was becoming acute, the Comgnissioners say other steps must be taken to avoid a possible water famine. Congress is asked to provide for the metering of federal buildings, which are charged with wasting about 4,000,000 gallons daily.

Titles are asked to do their part and every individual is appealed to saving of water wasting of the war, recently heard in certain queries here, does not represent the sound and every individual is appealed to save at least a gallon of water or more each day. Householders are lirged to be part unitarly saving in Senator Smith of Maryland said to day he had taken up with Senator Martin, chairman of the appropriations committee, the recommendations of the Second and the saving of the remaining of German millitude, the recently heard in certain quarters here, does not represent the day he had taken up with Senator Martin, chairman of the appropriations committee, the recommendations of the Second mark the relief and the saving of the

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GERMANS AIMING

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TAKING OF CITY WOULD NOT BRING A DECISION

ing to Hurry Conflict to a Conclusion This Summer.

Montdidier and Rhelms have pro observers here to form a clear idea of what the enemy is trying to do. Paris is held to be a secondary stead, the Germans are seeking to Montdidier and the Oise, begun on Sunday, seem to have been menace Paris, which is a different thing, and has a different purpose from trying to capture it.

Germany's object is held to be to ger, which the allies must fortify have been met with stern resistance from the French, who claim strongly. Already the enemy had that the Germans are being held. brought about such conditions at two points. One point was at Amiens, where the French have concentrated to avoid the loss of Abbeville. Another was in the Arras region, where Hazelbrouck had to be defended in order to insure the safety of the channel ports.

Now Germany seeks to create a third point of danger, Paris, and especially the rich industrial metropolitan region about Paris.

Capture Wouldn't End War.

the opinion that the capture of Paris Privy Councilor Simons in replying to a question asked by Herr Mueller of Meiningan in the reichstag. Privy Councilor Simons is quoted as follows:

however desirable for its effect on the morale of their own people, would not be a decisive military victory. The French people once before had prepared to evacuate Paris, and thus the shock to them, if they had to do so now, would be discounted by that fact.

But later dispatches showed that the troops were French colonials. Army officers do not believe it will be long before colored troops from the United States have a chance to distinguish themselves. It is believed that there is a complete infantry brigade of colored troops of the National Army in France. Of course, there have been many labor battalions sent over.

100,000 Negroes in Army. These troops have their own company officers, but battalion, regimental and higher officers are white. A re-

"Close to 100,000 negro soldiers now are in the National Army. Of these 1,000 are line officers holding commis-sions of captain, first and second lieu-

cent statement of the War Department

GERMANS ARE HELD BELOW MONTDIDIER; POINT OF DANGER STRIKE AT NEW POINT

Teuton Smash on Line From Soissons to the Marne Is Dangerous to Allies.

Clearer Now That Teutons Are Try. FRENCH SCORE FURTHER PROGRESS EAȘT OF MERY AND GENLIS WOOD

Germany's military efforts between Counter Offensive Actions Highly Successful—Boches Unable to Debouch Along Matz River—Petain Firm South of Chevincourt.

checked on the third day of the struggle. On the western end of the battle line the French have counter attacked and regained important ground, while on the center and create a third point of extreme dan- right repeated efforts by the enemy to exploit his earlier successes

German efforts to batter down the French defenses between

At the moment when the plunge of the foe west of the Oise appears to have met with a reverse, the front to the southeast, between the Aisne and the Marne, has again flamed up. Striking the allied line southwest of Soissons, in the neighborhood of Dommiers, Cutry and south of Ambleny, the Germans have begun what may be a very serious threat to the security of the allies north to the Oise.

The attack would seem for the moment to be almost equal in Army officers here generally hold importance to that east of Montdidier. It appears to be an effort on the part of the enemy to cut in south of Compiegne forest, outflanking the French to the north and compelling their retirement and a relocation of the whole allied line from Montdidier to Chateau Thierry.

Except for the fact that heavy

Today's German Attacks.

guarding their positions.

that the Germans suffered heavy losses and left more than a thou-sand prisoners and some guns in the hands of the French. fighting is in progress, nothing is

Amiens or toward the channel ports. Only raiding operations are reported by the British war office.

No Great Changes in Battle.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, June 12.—The battle continued during last night on the front between Montdidier and the River Oise without great change in the situation, the war office announced today.

On the French left additional progress was made by French troops in the region east of Mery and Genils wood.

Near the center, along the Aronde front in the region of St. Maur, the Loge farm and Antheuil, the French repulsed violent attacks by the enemy.

Despite repeated efforts the Germans on the French right were not able to debouch on the south bank of the Matz river.

The French are holding in that part

Matz river.

Advantages Undone.

The brilliant counter attack de-livered by the Germans in the first two days of the battle, threatening as it does the fank of the enemy coumns in the center marching on Compeigne, from which they are now only six miles away.

The point thrust forward by the Germans in the center is extremely precarious unless the enemy succeeds in fanking it by gaining possession of the heights on either side.

This the Germans secured Monday by the Cermans secured Monday by the capture of Mery plateau on their left. Tonight they have lost the former, and their efforts to improve the situation on their left have been baffled by the French, who held firmly the capture of Mery plateau on their left they have lost the former, and their efforts to improve the situation on their left has undone most of the advantages gained by the Germans in the first two days of the battle, threatening as it does the fank of the enemy coumns in the center marching on Compeigne, from which they are now only six miles away.

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Wastage of Manpower.

After three days of fighting, in which the Germans have incurred a serious wastage of manpower, the general situation remains unchanged. The enemy has failed to reached Compiegne, his immediate objective. His advance on the right bank of the South of the Aisne on the front be-tween Soissons and the Marne the Germans attacked this morning. Fighting is going on between the river and the Villers-Cotterets forest. Violent combats are being fought on advance on the right bank of the Oise is not sufficient to place in jeopardy the allied positions on the other bank between the Oise and the Violent combats are being fought on the front of Doumiers, Cutry and seath of Ambleny. The statement reads:
"The battle between Montdidier and the Oise continued without great change during the night. On our left all attempted attacks by the enemy against positions we had reconquered were broken. Aisne. At the other extremity of the battle line, the Montdidier plateau the situation has not been changed.

Ground Heaped With Dead.

all attempted attacks by the enemy against positions we had reconquered were broken.

The French troops have realized new progress east of Mery and the Genils wood. Violent German attacks have likewise been repulsed by the French on the Aronde front, at St. Maur, the Loge farm and Antheuil.

French Withstand Shock.

The ground over which the French advanced in their counter attack in the french at the form and ead, says the Havas correspondent at the front. In retaking Belloy and reaching the southern outshirts of St. Maur the French surprised the Germans, who until their day was literally heaped with German dead, says the Havas correspondent at the Front. In retaking Belloy and reaching the southern outshirts of St. Maur the French at the Germans, who until their day was literally heaped with German dead, says the Havas correspondent at the German dead, says the Havas correspondent at the French at the German dead, says the Havas correspondent at the French at the German dead, says the Havas correspondent at the German attacks have likewise been repulsed by the French on the Aronde front at St. Maur the French at the German attacks have likewise been repulsed by the French on the Aronde front at St. Maur the French at the German dead, says the Havas correspondent at the French surprised the German dead, says the Havas correspondent at th The ground over which the French LONDON, June 12.—As an outcome of recent conferences Japan is preparing a declaration defining her attitude toward Russia, according to a Tientsin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

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